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Undoubtedly free traders voted for Mr. Roosevelt, but certainly American politics is not quite so simple as M. Guyot conceives it to be.

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James Gillespie Blaine. By Edward Stanwood. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1905. 8vo, pp. 377.

In view of Mr. Blaine's prominence as a champion of the protective system and of reciprocity, one might have expected to find more of interest to an economist in his biography. The absence of any extended discussion of Mr. Blaine's trade policies is probably explained in the fact that his biographer, Mr. Stanwood, has written a two-volume account of American Tariff Controversies in the Ninetecnth Century, in which much material has been introduced which might properly have constituted a portion of the biography. We cannot help feeling that the biography loses character from this omission, and from the introduction of a somewhat too lengthy account of certain private transactions admittedly more or less compromising. The reader feels that the author is rather an apologist than a biographer, and even that he has not done full justice to Mr. Blaine's astuteness as a politician. Certainly the appeal is rather to those whose interests are not primarily economic.

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